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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 2. Claims 1,4,7,10,11,14,17,19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Konno et al.

Konno shows in fig. 1 a polygon mirror(23) formed from copper as a primary component (see col.3 line 25). Konno does not disclose the specific amount of copper in the composition. However, selection of an appropriate composition having the claimed amount of copper would have been obvious at the time of invention, since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involved only routine skill in the art. See *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233.

Regarding claims 10 and 21, Konno's mirror, being made of copper, would satisfy the claimed reflection characteristics.

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Regarding claims 11 and 19, Konno further discloses a base (28,29) made of ceramic.

3. Claims 3,6,13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Konno et al in view of Chan et al.

Konno does not disclose the use of nickel in the mirror. However, Chan discloses the use of nickel in conjunction with copper for a polygon mirror. It would have been obvious to the ordinarily skilled artisan at the time of invention to include nickel in Konno's mirror in order to increase the reflectivity of the mirror as taught by Chan. As to the specific amounts of nickel in the composition, selection of an appropriate composition having the claimed amount of nickel would have been obvious at the time of invention, since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involved only routine skill in the art. See In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233.

4. Claims 9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Konno et al in view of Nishimura et al.

Konno does not teach a protective film for the mirror. However, such films are well known in the art and an example is shown by Nishimura (note col. 6 lines 33-43). It would have

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been obvious to the ordinarily skilled artisan at the time of invention to include such a protective film for Konno's mirror in order to avoid mirror degradation due to deleterious environmental effects.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 5. Claims 2,5,8,12,15 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
- 6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does not teach or suggest a polygon mirror having the specific composition set forth in these claims.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Taniguchi, Ishizuka et al, and Iwaki et al disclose warious embodiments for polygon mirrors.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Robinson whose telephone number is (703) 305-3506.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cassandra Spyrou can be reached at (703) 308-1687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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